Edible oils

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the annual consumption of the edible oils in the country along with the production thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between the consumption and production; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The details regarding annual consumption of edible oils in the country along with the production thereof during the last three years are as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Oil Year (Nov.-Oct.)	Total availability/consumption of edible oils (from domestic and import sources)	Net availability/production of edible oils from all domestic sources
2001-2002	104 68	61.46
2002-2003	90.93	47.28
2003-2004	124.04 (Estimated)	71.09 (Estimated)

(c) The steps taken to increase the production of edible oils in the country include enhanced incentives to the farmers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major oilseeds, implementation of Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm & Maize (ISOPOM) in certain States, financial assistance for Oil Palm Development, assistance provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seeds, integrated pest management etc.

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